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SUBJECT: WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL: POTENTIAL FOR IDEOLOGICAL
CONTRONTATION

REF A, BERLIN 1207; B, BERLIN 1197; BERLIN A-174

1. SUMMARY: WITH LIFTING OF GDR TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS,
JUNGE UNION HAS CONFIRMED PARTICIPATION IN WORLD YOUTH
FESTIVAL AS PART OF FRG DELEGATION, PROVIDED WEST GERAMN
AND WEST BERLIN MEMBERS OF GROUP ARE NOT TREATED BY GDR
AS SEPARATE DELEGATIONS. CONCERN OF GDR AUTHORITIES
OVER IMPACT OF WEST GERMAN DELEGATES AND VISITORS ON
EAST GERMAN YOUTH HAS LED TO TIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON
LATTER'S ACCESS TO EAST BERLIN AS WELL AS TO ATTEMPTS
TO LIMIT CONTACTS DURING FESTIVAL ITSELF. END SUMMARY.

2. AT PRESS CONFERENCE IN BERLIN JULY 17 KLAUS LANDOWSKY,
CHAIRMAN OF BERLIN JUNGE UNION AND HEAD OF JUNGE UNION
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COMPONENT OF FRG DELEGATION TO WYF, CONFIRMED THAT IN

VIEW OF LIFTING OF GDR TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS (REF A),
JUNGE UNION WOULD PARTICIPATE IN WYF (PARA 4 REF B).
AT SAME TIME, LANDOWSKY MADE CLEAR THAT HIS GROUP WOULD
WITHDRAW FROM FESTIVAL IF EAST GERMAN ORGANIZERS ATTEMPTED
TO TREAT ITS II WEST GERMAN AND 6 WEST BERLIN MEMBERS
AS SEPARATE DELEGATIONS. LANDOWSKY SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD
MISSION OFFICER THAT HE HAD NO INDICATION WHAT ATTITUDE
EAST GERMANS MIGHT ADOPT ON THIS MATTER, AND THAT HE
WOULD NOT KNOW DEFINITELY UNTIL DELEGATES MARCHED INTO
"WORLD YOUTH STADIUM". BEHIND NATIONAL FLAGS AT OPENING
CEREMONY. ANY ATTEMPT TO PUT 6 JUNGE UNION WEST BERLINERS
TOGETHER WITH WEST BERLIN SEW DELEGATION WOULD BE RESISTED.

3. LANDOWSKY FURTHER AFFIRMED JULY 17 THAT EAST GERMAN
FESTIVAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE HAD GUARANTEED JUNGE
UNION RIGHT TO FREE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND OPINIONS. HE
SAID THAT HIS GROUP WOULD USE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO STRIKE
UP CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND WITH EAST
BERLIN POPULACE, AND THAT SOME 30,000 BROCHURES AND
LEAFTLES WOULD BE TRANSPORTED OVER TO EAST BERLIN FOR
DISTRIBUTION. LANDOWSKY SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD MISSION OFFICER
THAT HIS GROUP WOULD STAY AWAY FROM SCHEDULED CONFERENCES
AND SEMINARS, WHERE IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT LITTLE IMPACT
COULD BE MADE, AND WOULD CONCENTRATE ON INFORMAL CONTACTS
AND CONVERSATIONS OUTSIDE REGULAR FESTIVAL PROGRAM.
IN PARTICULAR, MAJOR EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO INITIATE
DISCUSSIONS AND TO DISTRIBUTE LEAFLETS AT ALEXANDERPLATZ
ON JULY 29. THIS LATTER PLAN HAS BEEN CRITICIZED BY
YOUNG SOCIALISTS AND YOUNG DEMOCRATS AS PROVOCATIVE COLD
WAR ACTION THAT COULD ENDANGER PARTICIPATION OF ENTIRE
WEST GERMAN DELEGATION.

4. CLEARLY CONCERNED OVER POTENTIAL IMPACT OF INFLUX
PF WEST GERMAN DELEGATES INTO EAST BERLIN FOR FESTIVAL,
GDR AUTHORITIES HAVE ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO VOLKSPOLIZEI
TO "RESIST ENERGETICALLY" ANY "EFFORTS AT FRANTERNIZATION"
ON PART OF WESTERN TOURISTS, AND DELEGATION OF LEAGUE OF
GERMAN CATHOLIC YOUTH (BDKJ) HAS BEEN WARNED VIA EAST
BERLIN CATHOLIC JOURNAL NOT TO "INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL
AFFAIRS OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES."
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5. IN OTHER WYF DEVELOPMENTS, HEAD OF SENAT CHANCELLERY
TOLD MISSION OFFICER THAT SED ACQUAINTANCE HAD CONFIRMED
THAT TRAVEL OF YOUNG PEOPLE INTO EAST BERLIN FROM GDR
DURING WYF WAS BEING STRICTLY CONTROLLED. BOTH INVITATION
TO PARTICIPATE IN FESTIVAL AND SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION TO
VISIT EAST BERLIN WERE REQUIRED. IN ADDITION, CONTROL
MEASURES INCLUDE PREVENTIVE DETENTION OF SOME 200 "RODIES"

IN EAST BERLIN. SENAT CHANCELLERY OFFICIAL ALSO SAID THAT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE RESENTMENT WITHIN SED RANKS THAT FESTIVAL, WITH ITS ATTENDANT PROBLEMS, HAD BEEN FOISTED UPON GDR BY SOVIETS IN FIRST PLACE, PARTICULARLY AT TIME WHEN GDR WAS SEEKING GREATER INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AND NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH WEST.

6. HEAD OF SENAT CHANCELLERY NOTED THAT MAOIST (KSV) STUDENTS IN WEST BERLIN WERE APPARANTLY PREPARING TO DO IDEOLOGICAL BATTLE WITH FDJ AND OTHER SOVIET BLOC YOUTH DURING WYF, AND TO PROSELYTIZE AMONG THIRD-WORLD DELEGATES IN EAST BERLIN (REF C). THERE ARE REPORTS THAT KSV MEMBERS, WHO APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED MULTIPLE ENTRY PERMITS SOME TIME AGO, PLAN TO TRANSFER MIMEOGRAPH MACHIN(S) TO EAST BERLIN PIECE BY PIECE, SO AS TO BE ABLE TO PRINT AND DISTRIBUTE PROGAGANDA MATERIALS.BORG

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